

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
Severe Weather and Floods  
FEMA-DR-1655-VA)  
STATE SITUATION REPORT # 23  
1400 Hours 7 August 2006**

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**(New Information in Bold)**

**SUMMARY**

Response and recovery operations are currently being provided from the FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office (JFO) pursuant to the Presidential Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth resulting from the substantial rainfall and flooding across portions of the Commonwealth during the period 23 Jun - 6 Jul 2006.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION**

**JFO Operations:** Regular JFO FEMA/VDEM staff meetings continue to be conducted at the JFO on Tu & Th of each week at 0900 hours in the JFO Conference Room. **VDEM staff meetings are now changed to M & Th of each week at 0830 hours in the JFO Conference Room. Situation Reports will be issued M & Th of this week.**

**State of Emergency and Executive Order:** By Executive Order, Governor Timothy Kaine declared a Statewide Emergency on 28 June 2006. President Bush declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia on 13 July 2006 and nine jurisdictions eligible for the Public Assistance Program. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is available statewide.

Pursuant to the Commonwealth's requests, four additional counties were approved by FEMA on 26 July 2006 and two counties were approved by FEMA letter on 3 August 2006 as also eligible for the Public Assistance Program. Current eligible 15 jurisdictions (one city and 14 counties):

<b>Alleghany</b>	<b>Floyd</b>	<b>Alexandria (City of)</b>
<b>Bath</b>	<b>Henry</b>	<b>Arlington</b>
<b>Botetourt</b>	<b>Highland</b>	<b>Fairfax</b>
<b>Craig</b>	<b>Mecklenburg</b>	<b>King George</b>
<b>Dickenson</b>	<b>Rockbridge</b>	<b>Rappahannock</b>

The Commonwealth's request for implementation of the Individual Assistance Program was denied by FEMA letter dated 31 July 2006. The letter also denied the Commonwealth's request for implementation of both the Individual Assistance Program and the Public Assistance Program for the City of Salem, VA. **On 4 August 2006 the Governor sent a letter to the President appealing the denial for the Individual Assistance Program.**

**WEATHER**

**Forecast:** **Four-day forecast (M-Tu-W-Th: 7-10 Aug 2006):** Today will be partly cloudy with a high of 93 and a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms this afternoon and evening. Tuesday will be similar with a high of 87 and a 30% chance of thunderstorms and showers. Wednesday and Thursday will be mostly sunny with a high of 85 on Wednesday and a high of 90 on Thursday with a 30% chance of precipitation both days.

## **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION (ESF-15)**

### **Legislative Liaison:**

Currently, the 15 affected jurisdictions are represented by 58 legislators. All have been informed of declaration status. Contact the JFO-Legislative Liaison, Mr. Art Warren ([art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov](mailto:art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov)) for clarifications.

State legislators were informed that the request for inclusion of the Individual Assistance Program was not approved.

Public Information Office (PIO): Media material to promote the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is under development.

## **OPERATIONS SECTION**

### **RESPONSE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS BRANCH**

#### **ESF 1 – Transportation:**

Virginia Department of Transportation: **VDOT website continues to report** no primary roads and two secondary roads closed. Estimated completion dates for repairs to SR 697 in Franklin County and SR 620 in Mecklenburg County is late August.

#### **ESF 14 – Long-term Community Recovery:**

#### **Initial Damage Assessment Reports:**

<b>Locality</b> (37 each)	<b>Private</b> (18 each)	<b>Public*</b> (34 each)
Total	\$17,002,050	\$16,661,498

\*Includes VDOT estimates and damages to state-owned facilities.

#### **State Public Assistance (PA) Briefings:**

#### **Applicants' Briefings Conducted:**

1. When: Tue, 25 Jul 2006 (1330 hours)  
Where: State Police Academy, Richmond, VA  
Attendees: Total: 20 (FEMA, VDEM, + affected state agencies)
2. When: Wed, 26 Jul 2006 (1000 hours)  
Where: Alternate EOC, Fairfax Government Center, Fairfax, VA  
Attendees: Total: 71 (FEMA, VDEM, + affected state agencies)
3. When: Thu, 3 Aug 2006 (1100 hours)  
Where: Salem High School Auditorium, VA  
Attendees: Total: 25 (FEMA, VDEM, + affected state agencies, + Counties of Alleghany, Dickenson, Henry, + Rockbridge).

#### **Kick-off Meetings Conducted:**

1. When: Fri, 28 Jul 2006  
Where: Chantilly, VA (Fairfax VDOT Area Maintenance Office)  
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + VDOT)
2. When: Tue, 1 Aug 2006 (1300 hours)  
Where: Alexandria, VA  
Attendees: Total: 25 (FEMA-2, VDEM-4, + City of Alexandria-19)  
Comment: City documentation should be completed by 18 Aug.
3. When: Tue, 1 Aug 2006 (1300 hours)  
Where: Fancy Hill, VA (I-81, Exit 180, VDOT Area HQ)  
Attendees: Total: 24 (FEMA-2, VDEM-2, + VDOT-20)
4. When: Wed, 2 Aug 2006 (1400 hours)  
Where: Fairfax, VA  
Attendees: Total: 16 (FEMA-2 VDEM-4+ Fairfax County Schools-10)

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| 5. | When:      | Thu, 3 Aug 2006 (1000 hours)                             |
|    | Where:     | King George, VA  |
|    | Attendees: | Total: 5 (FEMA, VDEM, +VDOT + King George County)        |
| 6. | When:      | Thu, 3 Aug 2006 (1200 hours, after Applicants' Briefing) |
|    | Where:     | Salem, VA  |
|    | Attendees: | Total: 5 (FEMA, VDEM, +VDOT-Dickenson County)            |

**Kick-off Meetings Scheduled:**

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| 1. | When:      | Mon, 7 Aug 2006 (1000 hours) ( <b>Resched. from 1 Aug</b> ) |
|    | Where:     | Arlington, VA   |
|    | Attendees: | (FEMA, VDEM, + Arlington County)                            |
| 2. | When:      | Mon, 7 Aug 2006 (1430 hours) ( <b>Resched. from 2 Aug</b> ) |
|    | Where:     | Fairfax, VA   |
|    | Attendees: | (FEMA, VDEM, + Fairfax County)                              |

The Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) was launched on the VDEM website, [www.vaemergency.com](http://www.vaemergency.com) on 28 July 2006. The first section, Public Assistance Program, provides all current FEMA-1655-DR-VA public assistance program schedules, forms, and resource documents.

**The deadline for applicants to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) for FEMA-1655-DR is COB of the following dates:**

Initial 9 declared jurisdictions:	Sun	13 Aug 2006
Amended 4 jurisdictions:	Sat	26 Aug 2006
Amended 2 jurisdictions:	Sat	2 Sep 2006

**RPAs should be faxed to the JFO to the attention of Ms. Mona Ellington (tele. 804-270-4582). Then please mail the original to the JFO to the attention of Ms. Ellington. The JFO address is :**

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**Nine RPAs have been received from the following state agencies, localities, and private non-profit organizations:**

<b>Alexandria, (City of)</b>	<b>Acacia Masonic Lodge 16 (Clifton, VA)</b>
<b>Alleghany County</b>	<b>Clifton (Town of)</b>
<b>Arlington County</b>	<b>Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority</b>
<b>Fairfax County</b>	<b>Virginia Department of Transportation</b>
<b>Dickenson County</b>	

**Individual Assistance:**

The severity and magnitude of damage to the private sector was determined to be insufficient to warrant Individual Assistance under the declaration. The Commonwealth's request for implementation of the Individual Assistance Program was denied by FEMA letter dated 31 July 2006. **On 4 August 2006 the Governor sent a letter to the President appealing the denial for the Individual Assistance Program.**

**Mitigation:**

State Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is working with several communities regarding National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) training, compliance, and enforcement.

### **Mitigation Training Courses Scheduled:**

1. Course: Managing Development through the NFIP  
When: 21-24 Aug 2006  
Where: Richmond, VA  
Attendees: By letter invitation from VDEM
2. Course: Managing Development through the NFIP  
When: 11-14 Sep 2006  
Where: Roanoke, VA  
Attendees: By letter invitation from VDEM
3. Course: Retrofit of Residential Floodprone Structures  
When: 25-28 Sep 2006  
Where: Richmond, VA  
Attendees: By letter invitation from VDEM

The Administrative Plan for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is currently under review by the VDEM Preparedness, Training, and Exercises (PT&E) Office.

### **HMGP Applicants' Briefings Scheduled:**

1. When: Tue, 15 Aug 2006 (1300-1500 hours)  
Where: Roanoke County, VA  
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + declared/affected localities)
2. When: Wed, 16 Aug, 2006 (1000-1200 hours)  
Where: Lexington, VA  
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + declared/affected localities)
3. When: Thu, 17 Aug 2006 (1300-1500 hours)  
Where: Fairfax, VA  
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + declared/affected localities)

### **PLANNING SECTION**

#### **ESF 5 – Emergency Management**

A Hurricane Preparedness Planning meeting was conducted at the JFO on Wed 26 Jul 2006. Continued FEMA-VDEM planning sessions are ongoing with the Special Assistant to the FCO, Robert Gunter, and VDEM planning/operations staff at Trade Court and the VDEM EOC.

#### **ESF 7 – Resource**

VDEM JFO staffing plan is complete and is now placed on the VDEM "common drive." The VDEM-JFO Staffing Plan extends through the Labor Day week (8 Sep 2006). Updated versions will be published periodically.

### **FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION**

**Personnel Unit:** Current VDEM JFO / field staffing is 43 (including 8 contractor personnel).

**Administration Unit:** Courier service (Trade Court-EOC-JFO-EOC-Trade Court) began Monday, 24 July 2006 and continues daily.

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